

DEMOCRATS ASKED TO ADOPT STRONG CIVIL SERVICE PLANK

Dr. Llewellyn Jordan Requests
Senator Stone to Present
Pension Retirement Plan.

IS INDORSED BY A. F. OF L.

By JOHN SNURE.

ST. LOUIS, June 14.—As chairman of a special committee, selected by the Civil Service employees of the Government, Dr. Llewellyn Jordan, has sent to Senator Stone, chairman of the resolutions committee of the Democratic national convention, a letter asking to present to the committee a proposed pension and retirement plan.

In the letter he calls attention to the fact that the plank is endorsed by the American Federation of Labor, and in the plank urged before the Republican convention, a letter asking to present to the committee a proposed pension and retirement plan.

Dr. Jordan has been assured he will be given a hearing, though a brief one. His letter, which is a strong argument, for the plank in question says:

Despite the repeated and urgent importunities of the committee of which I am the chairman the Republican party failed to incorporate any declaration in its platform in favor of the civil service law and promising the electorate that the Republican party should win the coming election, it pledged its support to an extension of the civil service and its reorganization along lines of efficiency and economy.

Turned Down Resolution.

It is significant that, despite the earnest efforts which were made by the civil service committee, Senator Lodge, chairman of the resolutions committee, refused, upon the request of Senator Sterling, to incorporate any declaration in the Republican party platform dealing with the subject of civil service retirement legislation.

"I am satisfied from my personal interviews with a number of the members of the resolutions committee of the Republican party that they would gladly have supported a declaration in favor of some equitable form of civil service retirement legislation."

"I have submitted to the Hon. Atlee Pomerene, chairman of the committee on Civil Service and Retirement of the United States Senate, the plank as proposed by our committee, representing the civil service employees of this country, numbering 40,000."

"I am authorized to state that Senator Pomerene stated that he saw no objection to the language used in regard to civil service retirement legislation and which we take the liberty of repeating here."

"We also favor and pledge our support to secure the enactment of an equitable retirement law providing for the retirement of superannuated and disabled employees of the civil service, to the end that a higher standard of efficiency may be maintained."

A. F. of L. Demands.

"The American Federation of Labor, in presenting its demands before the Republican convention just concluded, incorporated the following demands in favor of the civil service employees of the Federal Government:

- 1.—We favor adequate compensation for all employees in the civil service and legislation establishing a reasonable minimum wage for all such employees.
- 2.—We favor the creation of a tribunal to which all employees in the competitive civil service may appeal for redress of grievances.
- 3.—We favor the enactment of a comprehensive Federal compensation law to apply to all civil service employees.
- 4.—We favor and pledge our support to secure the enactment of an equitable retirement law providing for the retirement of superannuated and disabled employees of the civil service.
- 5.—We assert that the acceptance of employment in the civil service of our Government must in no case impair the employees' right of petition.

Backed by 3,000,000 Voters.

"Backed by our demands are in respect to the needs of the civil service by 3,000,000 voters who are wage-earners and constitute the membership of the American Federation of Labor, and supported by 400,000 civil service employees, the great majority of whom are voters, Democratic party will rise to the occasion and show its friendly interest in the civil service of our country by the adoption of a ringing declaration on the civil service law and the incorporation of a constructive plank pointing out to the electorate of the country where the civil service should be improved and greater efficiency secured on the part of the personnel in the recognition of the merit principle of appointment, but also a recognition of the urgent and imperative necessity of introducing a more economical administration of governmental affairs as applied to the civil service by the passage of legislation providing for the retirement of the superannuated and disabled employees in that service, who are now retained largely because of humanitarian reasons, but who in many instances rendering but little service in return for compensation of wages paid."

Pension System Maintained.

"It is a well established fact which cannot be gainsaid that the Federal Government is maintaining a pension system for aged employees throughout the civil service who, as stated above, are not capable through physical infirmity to render efficient service."

"On behalf of our committee we earnestly request the resolutions committee of the Democratic party to adopt and incorporate the several features of the plank which we have prepared, and which we believe concretely expresses the present needs of the civil service and thereby show to the electorate of the country that the Democratic party is friendly not only to the organized labor movement but to the civil service employees themselves."

THE WEATHER REPORT.

Forecast for District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia—Fair today and probably tomorrow. Not much change in temperature; light, variable winds.

TEMPERATURES.

8 a. m.	69
10 a. m.	74
2 p. m.	77

TIDE TABLE.
(U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.)
High tides—5:09 a. m., height 2.3.
6:28 p. m., height 2.5.
Low tides—12:07 a. m., height 0.1.
1:10 p. m., height 0.1.

SUN AND MOON TABLE.
Sun rises—4:41. Sun sets—7:35.
Moon rises—6:42 p. m. Moon sets—3:00 a. m.
Light automobile lamps at 8:05 p. m.

Busted Bosses, Bryan And Barnes Present Pathos of Politics

Men Who Once Swayed Conventions Return to Old
Hunting Grounds to Watch, But Not to Take
Part in President-Making.

By JUDSON C. WELLIVER.

ST. LOUIS, June 14.—A brace of busted bosses: Bill Barnes and Bill Bryan.

It was pathetic enough to see at Chicago the Albany boss, physically and mentally ill, rejected of all men; the man who engineered the convention of four short years ago, whose word was law, who dared face and defy the American public, who courted and won defeat rather than yield to the Roosevelt he hated.

It was pitiful, because the fall has been longer, in the spectacle of Bryan, the magnificent, who in five successive national conventions has been the dominating figure; Bryan, who in 1896, brought his fire and eloquence to the platform, and in 1900, won the renomination at Kansas City and detailed the platform on which he would lead the nation. In this same St. Louis, of the French pioneers, in 1904, attired the storm against delegates back to their places as a lion tamer, who in 1908, was nominated once more to lead his party to a defeat that it should be relinquishing its loyalty to him and his silver eloquence; Bryan, who, in 1912, appeared after three defeats, greater, more commanding, more tyrannous than ever, scourging his enemies and rousing his listeners to a "Whimper of the Presidency" because he commanded it of them.

How the mighty have fallen!

The Two Extremes.

Here are two men, each firmly believing as he scrutinizes his own innermost soul, that he is intellectually honest, sane, right; yet whose convictions are as antipodal as zenith and nadir. The nation has known them both, and both have been leaders of their party. Each has been in his way great but in what widely different ways. Each has failed, and to each the bitterness of the defeat has been administered as the hemlock cup. Neither has been able to understand.

Mr. Bryan came to St. Louis, again, a newspaper writer. But he was in the house of his friends; at least of his familiar. He is a dangerous person, even in the humblest capacity. It was recalled that in 1906 he went to the Chicago convention as a newspaper reporter, and, incidentally, as a contestant for a delegate's seat; but in his inside pocket he carried the manuscript of that dynamic cross-of-gold speech, and in his heart the firm conviction that if he could get the platform he would sweep himself into a nomination.

He did it, and he has left no Democratic convention from that date to this, pass by without putting on it the dominating stamp of his purpose and intent. He is breaking in with a proxy, and more mount the platform and astound the nation with one more display of his capabilities.

The day of the stampee would seem to be past. Republican conventions have not been its ready victims, and it must be doubted whether even Bryan can again play with the Democratic council; yet it is possible.

They were both great bosses, Bryan and Barnes, very unlike, but both real. They may safely be assumed that neither will come back. Between the things that they represent the nation has chosen a middle road, and from it will hardly be turned aside.

Bryan Always the Same.

How different was Bryan! Age cannot wither nor custom stale the cheery, confident, optimistic men of the man who so long and confidently believed that destiny had marked him for her own; that he was to be the Moses of this Israel in the wilderness; who took defeat only to rise and fight anew, ever finding a new conglomerate of paramour with which to amaze and lose. He smiled the broad, bland, mirthless smile that has been one of his chief stocks in trade for a quarter of a century.

**Women Try to Stare
Selves Into Victory**

ST. LOUIS, June 14.—A concentrated battery of 5,000 pairs of feminine eyes was turned upon the delegates to the Democratic national convention today in an appeal of "Votes for Women."

The attack, staged by the National Woman's Suffrage organization, headed by Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, was the most spectacular event of the suffrage campaign before the convention.

Five thousand women, voiceless, motionless, with steady gaze, for two hours tried to stare a supposedly somewhat unimpaired national convention out of countenance and into an attitude of meek receptivity.

Dressed in white, with a yellow sash across their shoulders and a yellow parasol above their heads, the women of the national association formed a golden lane from the Jefferson Hotel to the Coliseum. Between the extended ranks of the women soldiers for the ballot, Democracy, headed for its quadrennial pow-wow, had to walk or ride.

2,500 Women on Feet.

The national organization planned to have at least 2,500 women on their feet all the time, standing about two yards apart along the twelve blocks between the hotel and the Coliseum.

Between the standing women were a reserve of 2,500 seated on chairs. The work of "standing up for suffrage" was done in shifts, the women sitting, relieving their sisters at intervals.

That the resolutions committee of the convention will recommend a modest suffrage plank, planned somewhat along the general lines of the one recently smooth off to fit the Republican platform at Chicago, is generally believed at the headquarters of the national organization.

These women express themselves quite gratified.

Down in the lobby of the Jefferson, members of the new National Woman's party have their headquarters. They, figuratively, stamp all over the proposed plank.

Quit Flirting, She Says.

"If Democracy loves us," queries Mrs. Ann Martin, national chairman, "why don't they quit flirting and begin to show that their intentions are serious. They can enact the Susan B. Anthony amendment in a week if they wish. We don't want their promises; we want them to deliver the goods."

That Secretary Daniels is seriously considering leading a fight for placing a plank in the Democratic platform directly endorsing the adoption of the Susan B. Anthony amendment

SLEEP IS WORTH \$2 A WINK IN ST. LOUIS

By GEORGE MARTIN.

ST. LOUIS, June 14.—Sleep is selling on the Democratic convention hotel market here at about \$2 a wink.

Sans room, sans bath, sans privacy, and sans quiet, hundreds of delegates and visitors today arose from their troubled cots in sample rooms, hallways, lobbies, and like spots, feeling heavy in the head and light in the pocketbook.

In order to fill its contract and provide St. Louis with \$100,000 worth of entertainment, the Democrats have had to pad out their three hours of actual speech making.

Meantime, delegates and alternates, and several thousand visitors are here paying double prices for entertainment and the necessity of life, and wearing themselves to a frazzle killing time. There's nothing to argue over. Wilson and Marshall will be renominated on the first ballot when the time comes, but hotel and shopkeepers must "get theirs first."

Now Being Spread.

The Democrats had a show to put on, and St. Louis offered them \$100,000 to spread it out over three days, and it is now being spread.

To lie down on an uncertain cot among a display of women's new spring suits unquestionably gives one the feeling of being marked down from \$10 flat to \$9.99; and to recline blithely on a blanket and kid yourself into believing you're asleep when in fact you're nothing but a living cor-

ridor doormat, is far from an ideal state of being, especially when you pay \$2 for the privilege.

Fourteen hundred cots have been placed in the rooms and mezzanine floor of the Planters at \$2.50 per cot. The American annex fixed up a ball room full of beds and charges \$2 for a dance with Morpheus.

Cots in Cellar.

Cots were jammed in the cellar, dining room and ball room of the Majestic, and the same was done at the Jefferson, Maryland and Marquette.

The convention bureau pledged the hotel managements not to make any charges over normal times, but fortunately for the hotel men, nothing was said about cot prices out in the hall and these are weighed down with tired men and all the tariff the traffic will bear.

The hotel and business men have only a few days in which to get back the \$100,000 they gave for the convention and there is no denying the fact after it.

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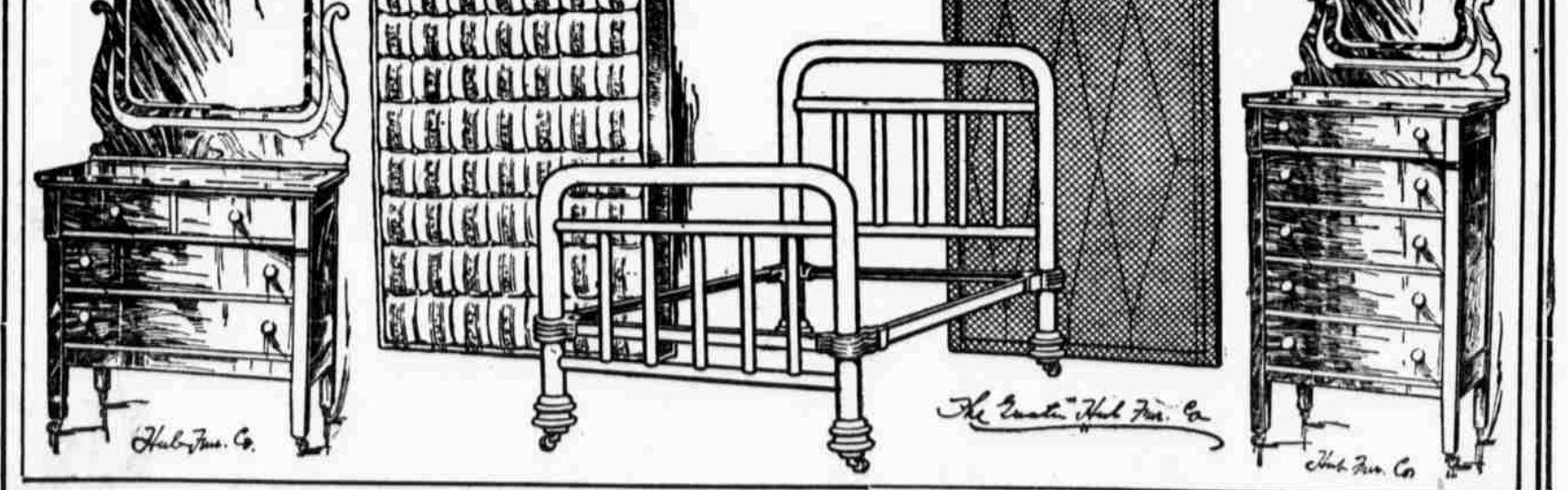
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